

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 1, 3, 5, 7-14, 16-17, and 19-23 are allowed.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-14, 16, 17, and 19-23 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 13, and 20 are independent. The Specification has been amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

Substitute Specification

In the Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner indicated that the Substitute Specification filed February 8, 2006 did not comply with 37 C.F.R. §§1.125(b) and (c), requesting that Applicants insert filing dates of U.S. Patent Applications into the Related Application section of the Specification. By the foregoing Amendment, Applicants have amended the Specification to accommodate the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the changes to the Specification.

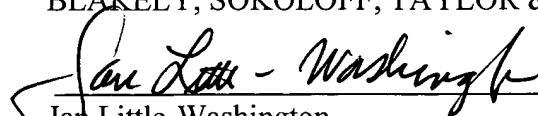


CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all grounds for rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot, and that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,
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